

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

ROGERS, Michael D. (Mike) (Republican)
Representative, 3rd District, Alabama
Elected 2002 to the 108th Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: 16 July 1958, Hammond, IN

Home: Anniston

Marital status: Married (Beth) – 3 children

Religion: Baptist

Education: Jacksonville State Univ, B.A. (Political Science) 1981, M.P.A 85; Birmingham School of Law, J.D. 91

Military: None

Profession: Lawyer; social worker

Political: Calhoun County Commission, 1987-91; unsuccessful candidate for AL House, 1990; Alabama House, 1995-2002, minority leader, 1998-2000. In the 2002 election, defeated Joe Turnham (D) with 50.4% of the vote in a three-way race to succeed Rep Bob Riley (R) who ran unsuccessfully for governor. The redrawn 3rd District is a swing district closely divided in party registration and the major candidates worked hard to “out-Bubba” each other for the blue-collar vote.

Rep Rogers is a conservative who compiled an anti-tax record in the state legislature. Opposes abortion, supports prayer in public schools, and plans to focus on education and economic development. Supports additional funding for military hardware and pay and benefits, and homeland security. Pledged to support local military installations employing his constituents, such as Anniston Army Depot, Ft Benning (GA), and Maxwell AFB that sits in a nearby adjoining district. Will oppose any Army efforts to privatize the Anniston depot, a facility which performs maintenance on land combat missiles and other weapon systems. A priority is the redevelopment of Fort McClellan, the former Army chemical-warfare training center closed in 1999. Promised a seat on the Armed Services Cmte by Speaker Hastert (R-IL). Opposes President Bush’s proposal to privatize social security, supports making the Bush tax cuts permanent.

AF Bases: None; constituent interest in Maxwell AFB in 2nd District

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